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TAGS: PARM US UK UR
SUBJECT: CTB NEGOTIATIONS: UK AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE TO
US PROPOSAL FOR RECESS

CTB MESSAGE NO. 299

1. EDMONDS (UK) CALLED MORNING OF AUGUST 17 TO CONCUR
IN US PROPOSAL FOR A THREE-WEEK WORKING BREAK BEGINNING
AUGUST 18. EDMONDS READ THE INSTRUCTIONS HE HAD JUST
RECEIVED FROM LONDON AS FOLLOWS:

"YOU MAY ACQUIESCE IN THE BREAK IF THE RUSSIANS AGREE.
THE UK GOVERNMENT HAD HOPED THAT THIS SESSION WOULD BE
THE ONE TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT. WE SHALL BE IMPATIENT TO
RESUME ON THE DATE SET (SEPTEMBER 11). YOU SHOULD TELL
THE US THAT WE CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT WHEN WE COME
BACK THERE SHOULD BE A DECISION ON DURATION TO PUT TO
THE RUSSIANS AND THAT WE NEED TIME TO CONSIDER IT CARE-
FULLY FIRST."

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2. EDMONDS SAID THAT THIS WAS NOT A ROUTINE MESSAGE.
HE KNEW THAT FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN HAD PERSONNALLY RE-
WORKED THE TEXT AND THAT CALLAHAN HAD BEEN CONSULTED.
EDMONDS SAID THAT THE UK CHARGE IN WASHINGTON HAD ALSO
BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY TO US OFFICIALS THE POINTS IN
THIS MESSAGE.

3. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED A FORMAL RESPONSE YET FROM THE SOVIETS, BUT TIMERBAEV SAID MORNING OF 17TH THAT SOV DEL HAD STRONG INDICATIONS IT WOULD BE POSITIVE AND WOULD BE COMING SHORTLY. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT SOV DEL HAS MADE PLANS TO DEPART FROM GENEVA ON SATURDAY THE 19TH.
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